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SUBJECT: SHIPPING SEALAND PLANS FOR CONTAINER SERVICE TO COLOMBIA

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1. IN ADDITION TO PROEXPO CONTACTS, SEALAND SHOULD VISIT OFFICE OF MARITIME AND PORT AFFAIRS, WHICH IS COLOMBIAN ENTITY CHARGED WITH COORDINATING GOC MARITIME POLICIES. OFFICIAL IN CHARGE IS ADMIRAL CARLOS VASQUEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL. ENTITY IS KNOWN LOCALLY AS DIRECCION GENERAL DE MARITIMA Y PORTUARIA AND IS LOCATED IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY.
2. SEALAND MAY ALSO WISH TO CONTACT ROBERTO MEJIA WHO IS THE MANAGER OF PUERTOS DE COLOMBIA (COLPUERTOS). ENTITY IS A DECENTRALIZED AGENCY OF THE GOC WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLOMBIAN PORT FACILITIES.
3. SEALAND MAY WISH TO CONTACT GRANCO OFFICIALS IN BOGOTA. 'JOSE VICINTE DAVILA TELLO (2 ND MANAGER) AND POLICARPO GUTIERREZ (3 RD MANAGER) ARE USUALLY IN CHARGE OF BOGOTA OFFICE. TOP MANAGER IS ALVARO DIAZ WHO DIVIDES TIME BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BOGOTA OFFICES (SEE COMMENT BELOW).

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4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH COLOMBIAN GOVT OFFICIALS MAY BE
KNOWLEDGEABLE
ON TECHNICAL MATTERS RELATED TO MARITIME AND PORT MATTERS,
THE REAL POWER IN GOC MARITIME POLICY IS THE FLOTA MERCANTE
GRANCOLOMBIANA. EMBASSY SUGGESTS SEALAND DISCUSS PLANS
PARTICULARLY
RELATING TO ASSOCIATE STATUS, WITH GRANCO MANAGER ALVARO DIAZ
IN NEW YORK. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT GRANCO RELUCTANCE TO
CONCLUDE POOLING ARRANGEMENTS WITH U. S. LINES IS BASED ON FEELING
THAT GRANCO CANNOT GET COMPLETELY EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL U. S.
CARGOS (E. B., EXIM BANK FINANCED CARGOS, AID- AND- ASSISTANCE
CARGOS, ETC.). EMBASSY ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT POOLING
ARRANGEMENTS
ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PACIFIC TRADE. CURRENT U. S.
GRANCO ASSOCIATED LINE STATUS DEALS WITH U. S. EASTCOAST/ GULF
PORTS AND ALL COLOMBIAN PORTS. MR. BUSBY MAY WISH TO DISCUSS
ISSUES WITH EMBASSY WHEN HE COMES TO COLOMBIA.
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